

# NW Montana

business  
expansion  
and  
retention



## Building Your Business Builds Our Economy

### NW Montana BEAR

is a cooperative partnership of local economic,  
community and workforce development organizations.  
Our common purpose is to build local companies and  
enhance our business climate.

**Thank You for Choosing the Flathead** Thank you for building your business in the Flathead Valley. Your investment is important to our local economy and we strive to help you grow and improve your profitability. Studies have shown that as many as 80% of new jobs are created by existing businesses.

**We Want to Learn About Your Business** Tell us about your business. The NW Montana BEAR team would like to have a thorough understanding of your organization and your goals. There are programs and resources available that we hope will be beneficial to you and the strength of your business. You may not need any assistance right now, but you will have a better understanding of what help is available and who to call should your situation change.

**Your Insights Are Essential** Give us your assessment of the business climate here. Tell us what is working and where we can improve. The NW Montana BEAR partners are committed to working to eliminate obstacles facing your business.

#### NW Montana BEAR Your Direct Connection to

- Financing programs
  - Capital
- Facility location and expansion assistance
- Regulatory assistance
- Employment services
- Business assessment tools
- Technology resources

- State & local government
  - Government contracting assistance
  - Export/Import assistance
  - Community demographics
  - Education & training programs:  
new and existing employees can upgrade their skills
  - Human Resource programs &  
tools to manage, motivate, and strengthen your workforce
- And more...

#### NW Montana BEAR Economic Development Partners

- ◆ \$\$ Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ \$\$ Associated Chambers of Commerce:  
Kalispell, Whitefish, Columbia Falls,  
Bigfork, & Lakeside/Somers
  - ◆ Century Tel
  - ◆ City of Kalispell
  - ◆ City of Columbia Falls
  - ◆ City of Whitefish
  - ◆ Flathead County
- ◆ Flathead Conventions & Visitors Bureau
- ◆ \$\$ Flathead Job Service Workforce Center
  - ◆ Flathead Electric Co-Op

- ◆ \$\$ Flathead Valley Community College
- ◆ Glacier Country Tourism Commission
- ◆ \$\$ MT West Economic Development &  
Flathead Port Authority
  - ◆ MT Dept. of Commerce:  
Regional Development Office
  - ◆ MT Manufacturing Extension Center
  - ◆ MT Procurement Technical Assistance Center
    - ◆ Northwest Business Center
- ◆ SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business
  - ◆ Small Business Development Center

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